

# THE SHELFORD STAR

## WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE

*We live and work in harmony with love for one another,  
so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners*

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Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well and that you enjoyed a pleasant half term holiday.

Today, it was lovely to welcome Year 1 families to the Year 1 Class Briefing. Miss Beck gave a very helpful and informative talk about phonics and reading. Pupils from Year 1 then joined visiting family members for an activity relating to reading for pleasure.

At the beginning of Celebration Worship, Year 1 performed a wonderful song relating to their topic, 'Shelford Stars'. Family members then stayed for the remainder of Celebration Worship.

This Celebration Worship marked a few differences. Of course, we were delighted to welcome families back through the Class Briefing structure for the first time since 2019. Meanwhile, we were very pleased to welcome the Reception pupils with their Y6 buddies, sat in house groups together. The dates for Class Briefings were circulated back in September on the **Key Dates Summary**, but can also be found on our **website calendar** and below. Each session starts at 2pm in the hall.

**Year 2 - 10th November      Year 3 - 17th November**

**Year 4 - 24th November      Year 5 - 1st December**

**Year 6 - 8th December**

## Year 1 - Trip to Pizza Express

Y1 really enjoyed their trip to Pizza Express, linked to their Shelford Stars topic, where they have been exploring the local community. Within their DT for the term, they are focusing on hygiene and where food comes from. The children enjoyed making the pizzas themselves ... and of course eating them! They all came home with the remainder of their pizza, a chef's hat and certificate.





## Staff Update

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As you will know, Mrs. Rose will be taking up a new Teaching Assistant role at Foxton Primary School. Mrs. Rose's last week will be the week commencing 6th November. Mrs. Rose has been at Shelford for 13 years and we are very grateful for her significant contribution to the work of the school over this time.

I am pleased to announce that following an interview process, our interview panel unanimously agreed to appoint Mrs. Rachel Terry to the role of Class Teacher - 2 days per week - in Year 3 from January 1st 2023.

We are also in the middle of our recruitment process for the role of Teaching Assistant and I hope to write to you soon to share the outcome of that recruitment.

## Our Streets Update

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You may remember from our partnership work last year, that we engaged with the Parish Council around ongoing concerns about the use of our streets and safe journeys for pupils.

Click to access [\*\*communication from Great Shelford Parish Council\*\*](#), with a [\*\*summary of last year's travel surveys\*\*](#). The communication includes an update on what they're doing to help make the village a more pleasant place to travel in.

You will also find posters that the children helped create at the "Our Streets" workshops last year and you are most welcome to print them out and display in your window.

# Congratulatory Letter

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I was delighted to receive the letter below from the Local Authority, which recognises the hard work of the school's community in supporting pupils' development.

My ref: CH/CG letter of congratulations

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

E Mail: Carley.Holliman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Dear Chris

## Statutory Assessment Outcomes 2023

After considerable analysis of school performance outcomes in statutory assessments this summer, I am writing on behalf of the Local Authority to extend our thanks and congratulations to you and your team for what appears to have been a successful year for your school. According to our analysis, your school is either meeting or exceeding local and national averages in most of the assessment metrics.

I hope that you, your governors and colleagues will continue to hold and achieve such high expectations for our children; underpinned by other hard work that we all recognise goes into making our schools high performing, successful and enjoyable.

I take this opportunity to recognise the hard work that goes into achieving such outcomes and to wish you all every continued success.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carley Holliman".

Carley Holliman  
Assistant Director: School and Setting Improvement

## Don't forget...

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**It's always very busy in school, but just to flag, Wednesday 8th November is the flu vaccinations day and Thursday 9th November is when individual photographs will be taken.**



# Key Dates Summary

	7/11/23	AM	Antibullying talks and workshops for pupils	School hall / classrooms
	8/11/23	AM	Flu Immunisations	School
	8/11/23	PM	Reception to Shelford Library	Shelford
	9/11/23	AM	Individual Photos	School
	10/11/23	10:45am	Remembrance Service for Pupils	School
	10/11/23	2:00pm	Year 2 Class Briefing*	School Hall
	w/c 13/11/23		Kindness Week – 'Make a noise about bullying!'	School
	13/11/23	All Day	Odd Socks Day Pupils and staff wear odd socks to celebrate diversity and make a charity donation to Antibullying Alliance	School
	17/11/23	2:00pm	Year 3 Class Briefing*	School Hall
	21/11/23	All Day	Year 4 to Verulamium	Verulamium
	24/11/23	2:00pm	Year 4 Class Briefing*	School Hall
	27/11/23	AM	Cross Country Tournament	Netherhall School
	29/11/23	AM	Reception Vision Screening	School
	1/12/23	2:00pm	Year 5 Class Briefing*	School Hall
	6/12/23	AM	Dodgeball Tournament	Coleridge Community College
	8/12/23	9:00am	SEND Coffee Morning	Think Tank
	8/12/23	2:00pm	Year 6 Class Briefing*	School Hall
	TBC	PMs	Nativity Dress Rehearsal and Performances (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2)	School Hall
	14/12/23	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight Led by all KS2 pupils	St. Mary's
	19/12/23	All Day	Shelford Christmas Day	School
	19/12/23		Last day of term for pupils	School
	20/12/23	All Day	Professional Development Day – School closed for pupils	
	20/12/23 – 03/01/23		Christmas Holidays	Somewhere festive
	04/01/24		Start of Spring 1	School
	08/01/24 – 10/01/24		Year 5 Burwell Residential	Burwell

## Odd Socks Day

To celebrate this year's Kindness week, we are all wearing odd socks on Monday 13th November and taking collections for Anti-bullying Alliance. You can donate [here](#).



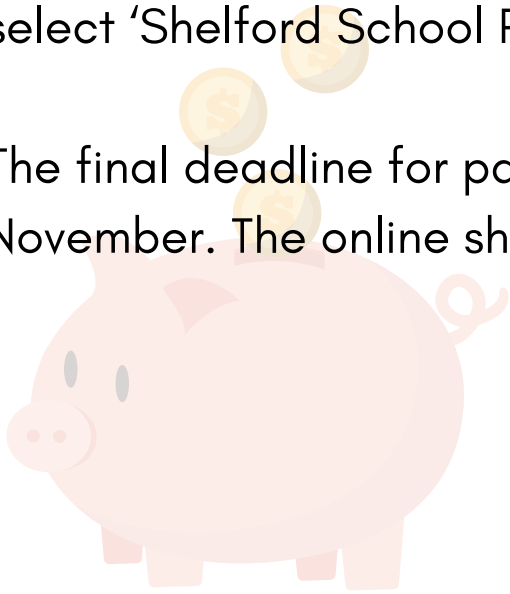
**ANTI-BULLYING  
ALLIANCE**

## PTA Spotlight

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It is fantastic news that Shelford School PTA has been chosen to be part of the next round of the Co-Op Local Community Fund (Cause ID: 83144) ! The funding has already started and will run for a year. During this time, Co-Op Members will be able to choose Shelford School PTA as their cause via this [link](#) and help raise valuable funds towards outdoor learning! We encourage you and friends/family to select 'Shelford School PTA' when shopping at Co-Op.

The final deadline for parents to order Christmas Cards is 13th November. The online shop will close on this date.



## Shoebox Appeal

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This week, we welcomed Jane, from **Operation Christmas Child** - to share the Christmas Shoebox Appeal with the school.



Families are welcome to either make their own Christmas shoebox of gifts or donate items to go towards boxes which the church community will pack. Individual items can be left in a box in the office area of the school. The deadline is Friday 3rd November.

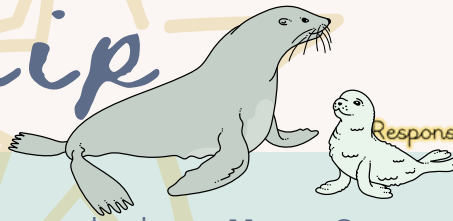
## Prayer Meeting

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A group meet up once a term to pray for our school and local community. We will be meeting at 8.30pm on Thursday 23rd November at 1A Spinney Drive, Great Shelford, CB22 5LY. We would love to have others join us - do come along if you would like to.



# Celebration Warship



## Kindness

The Cyril Award was awarded to **Mrs. Spencer** for kindness appreciated by pupils in her class. They appreciated her hard work in making learning fun and enjoyable. Meanwhile, the following Headteacher's Awards were shared for kindness: **Anna S** - showing kindness and being inclusive. **Lorcan C** - kindness and manners during the school trip.



## Creativity

This week, we shared two Headteacher's Awards linked to creativity:

**Elliot R** - for applying creativity in different learning activities.

**Willem C** - for creativity in problem solving.



## Resilience

We shared two Headteacher's Awards linked to resilience this week. **Amelie R** - for resilience and determination in phonics and reading. **Austin J** - for resilience in applying a growth mindset. Meanwhile, **Lilianna S** and **Richard P** achieved their Bronze Shelford Mile awards.



## Responsibility

This week, we recognised the responsibility shown throughout the school in different ways. Year 6 were awarded the Eco-Award by our pupils monitoring energy consumption. We also gave thanks to Nina L in Year 1, who was awarded the Dinner Winner plate for her responsibility in looking after the lunch resources.



## Housepoints for our Shelford Star Values

*This week's winning house is domus fortium  
the house of courage:  
The Stags*

